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ABERDEEN	HAZLET	KEYPORT	MANALAPAN	MARLBORO	MATAWAN BOROUGH	UNION BEACH	TOTAL VOTES CAST
2543	3894	1318	3220	2218	1415	1052	75689
1570	2235	872	1903	1364	1193	618	63724
69	59	70	48	31	30	21	1478
	3687		3118	2292	1411	1099	73087
	2190		1686	1151	1054	583	57083
	27		32	24	80	4	732
2496		1167					4379
1374		787					2920
2264	3318	1018	3069	2067	1177	926	63900
2249	3425	1010	2902	1947	1175	922	65244
1561	2292	934	1656	1223	1218	640	66957
1518	2288	886	1658	1210	1191	637	64773
46	61	68	46	33	54	10	1256
67	39	38	20	22	30	8	804
61	52	24	34	40	28	10	1100
1938	2836	843	2506	1993	1097	664	54611
1799	2616	933	1911	1563	1295	710	67311
1931	2871	872	2391	1746	1150	649	61850
1501	2238	804	1730	1335	1106	671	51192
2138	3215	902	2609	1983	1228	668	63705
1437	1989	781	1673	1229	1068	642	50969
2238	4086	1106	2507	1922	1337	773	69073
1365	1368	622	1756	1290	985	560	47330
2234	3282	1013	2603	1935	1288	692	68707
1306	1919	657	1605	1231	978	584	46517
2057	3287	992	2458	1720	1166	767	64004
1496	1853	681	1775	1462	1114	541	50729

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SENATE

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BRADLEY (D)
LEONE (D)
MENZA (D)
BELL (R)
CASE (R)

SOMERSET COUNTY

BEDMINSTER	24	6	1	133	254
BERNARDS	209	61	23	484	780
BERNARDSVILLE	127	39	6	323	552
BOUND BROOK	284	226	14	206	242
BRANCHBURG	127	69	13	176	290
BRIDGEWATER	448	170	74	510	1,117
FAR HILLS	7	3	1	44	78
FRANKLIN	795	272	53	457	500
GREEN BROOK	62	26	6	79	131
HILLSBOROUGH	218	124	31	277	358
MANVILLE	152	89	3	88	125
MILLSTONE	14	22	1	15	10
MONTGOMERY	135	46	10	159	219
NORTH PLAINFIELD	306	157	57	289	595
PEAPACK & GLADSTONE	31	10	2	121	129
RARITAN	289	248	15	88	91
ROCKY HILL	21	15	0	38	31
SOMERVILLE	232	137	15	315	347
SOUTH BOUND BROOK	52	36	1	37	41
WARREN	130	51	15	255	535
WATCHUNG	68	29	15	114	324
TOTAL	3,731	1,826	312	4,238	6,749
GRAND TOTAL	23,952	6,546	2,244	8,072	10,939

Low turnout tied to Case, Leone setbacks

An unexpectedly low voter turnout helped trip up Clifford P. Case and Richard C. Leone in their bids for the Republican and Democratic nominations for U.S. Senate yesterday.

About 250,000 persons voted in the Republican primary, down 125,000 from the turnout in the party primary last year, and 50,000 below the turnout predicted last month by the Rutgers Eagleton Poll.

Case blamed his defeat in part on the turnout, which his supporters said was the lowest for a statewide election in New Jersey in years.

Richard C. Leone, however, appeared to suffer even more from the low voting figures and from the failure of the county party organizations to deliver him the expected crowds.

In Hudson County, which was seen as the key to

Leone's victory chances, the Democratic leaders brought only about 65,000 voters to the polls, down from 98,000 last year.

A total of about 390,000 voted in the Democratic primary, down 225,000 from the turnout last year, and 110,000 from the Eagleton forecast.

The total turnout of 640,000 represented about 18 percent of the registered vote, as compared to the 18.6 percent who voted in the primaries in 1970, the last Senate election year in New Jersey without a Presidential campaign.

Final voting figures were not available yesterday, but could be approximated by adding the total vote for U. S. Senator, plus a margin to account for the voters who ignored the Senate race.

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Democratic voters picked delegates

Democrats who voted in yesterday's primary election chose candidates for the national Mid-Term Convention, to be held in Memphis, Tenn., next December.

The convention is designed to restate Democratic principles midway between presidential nominating conventions.

Here are the results from Middlesex and Somerset counties, by congressional district:

4th Congressional District:

Mildred Graham, 2,563; Robert Rich, 339; Christopher Kennan, 382; Peter Winkel, 2,492; Alice Riley, 519; Michael McGuire, 756; Patricia Gundaker, 649.

5th Congressional District:

Barbara Sigmund, 722; Howard Rosen, 513; Dennis Auciello, 595; Nancy Henry, 733; Mary Catherine McManus, 826; Al Wicklund, 575; Barbara Wicklund, 730; Paul Bontempo, 382; Scott Lawrence Corwin, 965.

15th Congressional District:

Steven Michael Karger, 2,745; Louis F. Ronay, 1,130; G. Nicholas Venezia, 16,047; Lilyan Dwyer, 18,490; Joseph C. Bodek, 3,043.

All three congressional districts continue into other counties, making the Somerset and Middlesex totals incomplete by themselves.

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	PATTEN	SPADORD
CARTERET	429	278
CRANBURY	70	29
EDISON	4,460	4,380
HIGHLAND PARK	584	420
METUCHEN	465	398
NEW BRUNSWICK	2,829	1,335
NORTH BRUNSWICK	476	262
PERTH AMBOY	1,940	859
PISCATAWAY	489	512
PLAINSBORO	77	39
SAYREVILLE	1,735	1,318
SOUTH AMBOY	426	195
SOUTH BRUNSWICK	391	244
SOUTH PLAINFIELD	313	184
WOODBIDGE	3,459	2,960

Rescue cadets plan car wash

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The South Plainfield Rescue Squad Cadet Corps will be holding a car wash from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the squad building located at 2520 Plainfield Ave. The cost will be \$1.50 for cars and \$1.75 for vans and buses. If it rains the car wash will be Sunday, June 18.

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A former Democrat

Review 9/8/89

To the Editor:

Why would a dyed-in-the-wool Edison Democrat like me ever consider voting Republican? My parents, also lifelong Democrats, will probably turn over in their graves, and they're still alive. This may just do them in.

What amazes me is how long it took me to realize, sadly, that I was far from happy with the last 10 years of (Democratic) government in Edison. At the present time:

My library (North Edison branch) lacks many of the facilities that are now common at many other town libraries: records, tapes, compact discs, computers, videotapes, etc.

My taxes have skyrocketed, with no apparent increase in municipal services.

The roads are congested as a direct result of rampant overdevelopment.

My son — like all other elementary school children in Edison — must eat lunch at his desk as a result of overcrowded schools.

There is a woefully inadequate amount of parks and recreational facilities.

The tennis courts at my end of town have needed repair for years — and for years my phone calls have resul-

ted in no repairs.

There is no municipal swimming pool.

As a resident of North Edison, I feel completely disenfranchised, a "cash cow" that the south end of Edison feels free to overtax and underserve.

I feel embarrassed that, for years, I ignorantly pulled the Democratic levers, just like I'd always done and just like my parents, too. But recently I've been talking with my friends and neighbors about this, and one of them made a very good point: at the municipal level, party affiliations are not nearly as important as honest, capable, intelligent government. Which is exactly what we have not had enough of in the last 10 years.

The corollary of the old saying "if it works, don't fix it" must surely be "if what you've been doing isn't working, it's time for a change." For me, it's time for a change. I'm voting in November for Kukor, Tousman, Dudas and Behr, even though they're Republicans.

Sorry, mom and dad, but Edison needs a change.

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*Official tallies on the public questions were not compiled by the Middlesex County Clerk's Office last night because one district in Woodbridge failed to file a final total.

Area voters follow pattern on statewide issues

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ed 68,408 votes against, 66,014 votes in favor and the \$600 million bond appropriation was defeated with 81,433 votes against and 52,561 votes in favor.

Also unofficially defeated in Middlesex were the \$100 million bond issue for housing assistance with 77,058 votes against and 57,565 votes in favor.

The \$112 million bond issue to refurbish human services institutions received 79,030 no votes and 51,435 'yes' votes.

Following a statewide trend, Carteret Borough voters yesterday rejected five of the six referendum questions on the ballot. The local electorate supported only the first question dealing with senior citizens property tax exemption which was favorably approved by a vote of 3,389 to 1,436 votes.

The proposed constitutional amendment, which also deals with homestead rebates and abatement on buildings, structures and lands determined to be in need of rehabilitation, received the largest voter response of the half dozen referenda.

The proposed state constitutional amendment concerning equality of rights for women was decisively defeated in the borough with 1,992 votes in favor and 2,802 against.

The water resources, transportation, housing assistance and human services facilities bond issues were similarly voted down by considerable margins.

A total of 1,972 voters favored the water resources question with 2,589 persons displaying their disapproval. The question dealing with \$600 million in bonds for transportation including mass and rail freight facilities and highways registered

1,729 votes for and 2,928 against.

Borough voters rejected the housing assistance bond issue by more than 900 votes with 1,835 persons voting "yes" and 2,739 voting "no."

The final question before local voters which dealt with human services improvements received 2,767 votes against the issue and 1,614 favoring it.

East Brunswick voters were split on the six public questions, approving the senior citizens exemption question, No. 1, and the Equal Rights Amendment, No. 2, by votes of 7,296 to 2,693 and 5,776 to 4,655 respectively.

Water conservation has been a concern for some time in the township and voters indicated their continuing interest by approving the third question, the Water Resources Bond issue, by a 5,431 to 4,605 margin.

Voters defeated the other three questions in votes of 5,910 to 4,138 against the transportation bond issue, No. 4; 5,768 to 4,311 against the housing assistance funding; and 5,786 to 4,111 against the human services bond issue.

In Edison, voters approved the senior citizens tax exemption, 11,732 to 4,038; defeated the equal rights amendment, 8,571 to



TAKING NO CHANCES — A motorist checks underneath his car in a street near Westminster Abbey in London yesterday before driving to work. This vigilance follows Monday's spectacular car bomb blast near Marble Arch in the British capital and repeated police warnings to be vigilant for terrorists' bombs.

Beame calls Ford plan 'cop-out, not a cure'

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York Mayor Abraham Beame accused President Ford today of offering "a cop-out, not a cure" for New York City's fiscal ills. He said the President's attacks on New York have "triggered hatred, disunity and confusion."

The mayor said Ford, in criticizing New York, ignored the city's budget-cutting record. He listed payroll deductions, halts in city construction and closings of municipal facilities. He promised further money-saving measures, including a change in the free university system's financing and more hospital closings.

The mayor included his remarks in a speech prepared for delivery before the National Press Club, one day

after the disclosure that state officials had come up with enough money to avert default next week.

Beame said that he sought federal guarantees of future loans, but no tax dollars, from the government.

"New York is not asking the federal government or the public for one cent," he said. "On the other hand, default will cost America billions."

Beame's scheduled appearance at the club was designed to answer a speech Ford gave there on week ago when he outlined his plan for changing bankruptcy laws to enable the city to continue basic services in the case of a default.

Referring to that speech and other Ford attacks on New

York City, Beame said, "The President's response to New York City reflects a kind of bumper sticker philosophy. 'He has used the city of New York as a foil for political slogans from Belgrade to San Francisco and back.'"

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Soviets catch up on missile

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Russians have tested what could be their first submarine-launched missile equipped with multiple warheads that can be aimed at separate targets.

If the Russians have achieved such warheads for their

submarine-fired missiles, they will have caught up with the United States in one of the few facets of the missile race in which they have trailed until now.

U.S. intelligence sources report that a new Soviet missile for submarines was test-fired

for the first time on Oct. 25 from the remote White Sea area.

The missile traveled nearly 3,500 miles to the Kamchatka Peninsula in the Pacific, the sources said.

According to U.S. observations, the new missile carried

multiple warheads.

But American technical specialists are not certain whether these warheads were the less sophisticated MRV (multiple re-entry vehicles) or the much more advanced MIRV (multiple independently targetable vehicles).

The difference is important. MRVs are fired in shotgun fashion, usually against a single target. MIRVs can be aimed with precision against widely separated targets.

U.S. intelligence expects to get more definite information by monitoring future Soviet tests of the new missile.

Analysts believe the new weapon is intended for the advanced Delta class submarines which now carry 4,900-mile range weapons armed with single warheads.

By mounting MIRVs on submarine-launched missiles, the Russians could add thousands more nuclear warheads to their strategic forces.

The Soviets already are deploying three new types of powerful land-based intercontinental-range missiles, two of them equipped with MIRVs and the third believed capable of carrying them.

The 1972 strategic arms limitation agreement, while curbing the number of mis-

siles, placed no restriction on the number or size of nuclear warheads. A new U.S.-Soviet agreement now being negotiated also lacks any such curbs. This has caused critics to argue that the SALT agreement fails to put a cap on a vital element of the arms race.

In recent years, Russia has outstripped the United States in numbers and size of land-based missile launchers and has pulled ahead of this country in modern missile-firing submarines.

The United States still leads the Soviet Union in the number of deployed MIRV warheads for its missiles. But this lead is expected to be eclipsed within five years as the Russians exploit their MIRV technology.

The United States is in the early stages of developing advanced missile warheads and other strategic weapons designed, Pentagon officials say, to counter Soviet gains if the new SALT agreement fails to restrain the arms race sufficiently.

Truck driver killed on pike

KEARNY (AP) — A garbage truck driver was killed today when his vehicle slammed into construction barrier timbers and then a concrete abutment on the New Jersey Turnpike, state police said.

He was Aubrey Barrett, 64, of Tioga County, N.Y. The truck is owned by Universal Sanitation Corp. of New York City.

Hearst ruling due by Friday

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Patricia Hearst, described by her attorney as mentally "crippled" and by a prosecutor as "fully competent," awaits a judge's ruling on her mental competency to stand trial.

U.S. District Court Judge Oliver J. Carter calls it "a most difficult and most complex question to decide," but he promises to make the decision by Friday.

In the interim, Carter said he will re-examine "in great detail" three voluminous reports by the psychiatric panel which examined Miss Hearst. He called the documents "complex and extremely verbose."

One report concludes that Miss Hearst was "literally a prisoner of war for 20 months" and is suffering from a "traumatic neurosis," her attorney said.

But U.S. Atty. James L

Browning Jr. insisted that none of the reports showed her to be incompetent to stand trial immediately on federal charges of taking part in a bank robbery while she was a fugitive with the Symbionese Liberation Army. Miss Hearst has not yet entered a plea on the charges.

Miss Hearst, in court for the first time in six weeks for her competency hearing Tuesday, was pale but alert. She wore a plain brown pants suit and her hair hung limply to her shoulders. Blank-faced at her previous court sessions, she was more animated Tuesday, whispering and chatting with her attorneys.

Miss Hearst's parents, Randolph and Catherine Hearst, sat in the front row of the courtroom with daughters Vicki and Ann. But Patricia, seated at the counsel table, showed no reaction to their presence.

"She is making progress, visible progress," attorney F. Lee Bailey said later.

Bailey, in his first court appearance for the newspaper heiress, read the "prisoner of war" description from the report by Dr. L.J. West, a specialist in brainwashing after-effects.

Bailey disclosed that West recommended three to four months of psychiatric treatment for the 21-year-old defendant. Another panel member, Dr. Seymour Pollack of the University of Southern California, recommended 30 to 90 days of treatment, Bailey said.

Recommendations by the third panel member, Dr. Donald Lunde of Stanford University, were not disclosed. Clinical psychologist Margaret Thaler Singer also filed a lengthy report on clinical tests conducted on Miss Hearst.

Correction

HAZLET — The names of Mayor Stephen J. Filardi and Township Committeeman Joseph DeVergilio were misspelled in a photo caption yesterday in The News Tribune.

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One way or other, *Edison: Elections* Edison Dems suffer

Star Ledger 11/18/90

Was the thrashing Edison Democrats took at the hands of the Republicans on Election Day an aberration caused by the Governor's unpopularity or an indication that there is a new generation of voters with a different agenda?

That's the question the leaders of Edison's once-monolithic Democratic organization are asking themselves after losing a council race and seeing the party's most popular incumbents rejected by the voters.

There is no doubt the Florio factor steered the outcome in the Republicans' favor. Democrats across the state paid the price of Florio's unpopularity. But the electoral tide in Edison may be more than another example of voter rage at the prospect of increased taxes.

Taking a look at the events of the past year, it seems that the Democratic base in Edison is eroding after years during which nomination by the party was a sure indication of victory in the general election. The issue perplexing some Democrats is what caused it, and what can or should be done to stop it from worsening.

The Republican victory at the municipal level was in itself an historic event. Republican Councilwoman Jane Tousman, who took office Wednesday, was not only the first GOP candidate to be elected to a municipal office since the late 1950s, she won in a landslide victory, with about 65 percent of the vote.

Beyond that, Rep. Bernard Dwyer (D-6th Dist.), who has been one of Edison's most popular Democratic politicians since the late 1950s, failed to carry his hometown. Dwyer squeezed by his conservative Republican opponent, Paul Danielczyk, by a margin of 5,500 votes, winning re-election with just 52 percent of the vote. Yet in Edison, he lost by 1,400 votes.

Dwyer was not alone. Sen. Bill Bradley also failed to carry this traditional Democratic stronghold, losing by about 900 votes.

There are also the results of the 1989 mayoral election to consider.

Mayor Thomas Paterniti, another candidate with a proven track record as a successful Democrat, did not make a particularly strong

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showing. Despite his name recognition as a state senator and from a previous term as mayor, Paterniti had about 43 percent of the vote in a three-way race. That was a mere five-point margin over the Republican candidate, Jim Kukor.

Republicans argue that these election results show that the voters are beginning to question the political hierarchy, which has long been dominated by the Democratic Party.

They point to the skyrocketing property tax rate and a system that runs on unrestrained political patronage. The victory at the municipal level, GOP organizers say, is proof that the voters are beginning to pay attention to the scandals that have almost become commonplace in the municipal government.

Edison has seen its building department come under the scrutiny of the state—during which disciplinary actions were taken against nine of its inspectors. The township's former purchasing agent and the director of transportation for the board of education were prosecuted for corruption. The actions of the planning board have been tainted with conflict of interest, and other complaints about ethical problems have been lodged against the township engineer, township attorney and municipal court judge.

Publicly, at least, Democrats have attributed their poor showing to an attempt by the voters to protest against Florio, big government and high taxes, rather than as a show of favor or disfavor for particular candidates. They seem confident that Edison's ability to provide good municipal services and schools at a relatively low tax rate will sustain the party's influence.

But meanwhile, other Democrats are privately questioning whether Edison's results mean that the status quo is no longer acceptable to voters, and that changes will be necessary to prevent further Republican advances.

"The dust has to settle. The whole state is in an uproar. But there needs to be change. Good politics and good government have got to be discussed," said one Democrat.

Democratic Councilman John Hogan, who is often a critic of the party organization, said the voters were just as angry with local politicians as they were with those in Trenton or Washington.

"Our losses in Edison were caused equally by the Florio backlash and the widespread dissatisfaction with the present (municipal) administration," Hogan said. "I think we need a new agenda, eschewing the overdevelopment and kowtowing to special interests. I really feel there's got to be a break with the past."

There are also concerns that the powerful Democratic organization's ability to turn out voters may not be as invincible as everyone assumed. In a year so strongly Republican, the low number of people who voted Democratic may just be all there is of the bedrock support for the organization.

"You hear all this about the machine," Hogan said. "It's really no more than the township employees, their families and those who profit from the present political situation."

Assemblyman George Spadoro (D-Middlesex), a resident of Edison and former councilman, said he believes the poor Democratic showing in the last election was more a reaction to a "super-issue" than dissatisfaction with individual candidates. But he also said Democrats may see it happen again if they don't rethink some policies.

"There's clearly a strong, strong undercurrent that government has grown too big and too expensive. I think they're right," Spadoro said. "All an effective organization does is educate a voter. This year, they were dissatisfied with a super-issue. It was a protest vote. I believe there is a possibility of that happening again."

THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES FACE OFF

The News Tribune asked Edison's two mayoral candidates to address five of the most important issues facing the township. We hope that this Question & Answer page will help prepare Edison residents for tomorrow night's mayor's forum at Edison High School at 7:30.

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SAMUEL V. CONVERY JR.

- Intersection, repaving will be done soon
- Edison doesn't need a full-time mayor
- Commission to review school board

Q. New traffic lights with arrows are in place at the Route 27 intersection of James Street and Parsonage Road. However, they are inoperable. Why? When will total road resurfacing in the Menlo Park area be done?

A. In regard to the new traffic signals installed with arrows on the Route 27 intersection of Parsonage Road and James Street: They are inoperable at this time because the state Department of Transportation has not as of yet completed its modifications.

I've been informed that a new traffic plan is being implemented, and a traffic study must be completed before the timing of the light can be set.

However, the DOT has completed the wiring, signal heads, and new conduit. I understand that the traffic in that area is heavy, but realistically, the DOT has been working at a commendable pace, considering the difficulty of installing and implementing a change in an existing area.

I have been informed by the state and DOT that three left-turn green arrows are being installed. To implement a modification of this type is a delicate procedure. The weather constraints coupled with their priority and emergency calls for "knock-downs" must be taken into account.

To my knowledge more than 50 percent of the modification has been completed and when the existing movement study results are in, the timing will be set and the new signals will be operable. It would not be prudent to speculate on the completion of this project knowing its uncertainties. However, I have been informed by the DOT that the completion should take place in about a week or two.

The total road resurfacing in the Menlo Park area involves several contractors. To my knowledge, Parsonage Road has been resurfaced from Route 1 to the Oakwood Avenue intersection already. I understand now, that Parsonage Road will be resurfaced and that new curbing and striping will be installed up to Route 27 at no cost to the tax payers of Edison. To my knowledge this modification should be completed within a month or two. As for the Route 1 "flyover" and access ramps, I have been advised that this project should be completed and operable by early December.

Hazardous materials

Q. What will Edison do if the county decides to disband the hazardous-materials unit?

A. If the county ever decided to disband the hazardous-materials unit, Edison would be faced with a costly but necessary decision. To my knowledge, we have two courses of action.

First, we could institute training to our Emergency Management Force. We would have to supply them with equipment and educate them with the knowledge to use it. Training would include test kits and would last for more than a week for this aspect alone. They would have to be schooled to meet the requirements of both OSHA and POSHA, the state equivalent to the federal OSHA. The time factor involved to train for emergencies of this nature, the number of men needed, and the exorbitant cost of the equipment and training, weighs heavily against this option.

Second, we have the option of contracting the jobs out to a list of state Department of Environmental Protection and Energy-approved agencies. We would have to determine whether the incident occurred on a state, county, or township road and pay the necessary charges accordingly. Certainly, we would not pay for hazardous spills on roads or property that were not our fault, although, at times we might have to share costs.

Along the same option of contracting the jobs out, we could look into regionalization with surrounding towns that already have professionally trained hazardous-materials units. I know that Woodbridge has a trained unit and we could perhaps work something out with neighboring towns.

I do not feel that we would ever be faced with the disbanding of such a vital service offered by the county, but if we were, we would have to address the number of calls averaged per year for hazardous spills ... I do feel that if the county's service was ever discontinued, the most cost effective solution would be to contract the work out to approved agencies.

Full-time mayor

Q. Do you think Edison Township would be better served with a full-time mayor? State reasons.

A. In my opinion under our present form of government in Edison, a full-time mayor is not needed. What is needed is competent, dedicated, and ethical government. Whether a mayor is paid a full-time or part-time salary, if he is not committed to the people's best interest, Edison will not be best served. I have been and will continue to be accessible to the people of this town. Since January, when I became the mayor, I have learned a great deal about what this job requires and how it needs to be handled.

A full-time salary and more time allotted to a full-time position, will allow more room for inefficiency and complacency and we have had enough of that! In my part-time capacity, I have produced effective government, made some very positive changes, and instituted ethical standards. Therefore, I feel that Edison does not need to modify any changes in the administrative code to elect and pay the salary for a full-time mayor. I do not feel that a full-time mayor

guarantees a better performance in the position. In addition, a great segment of the population would refuse to run for the full-time position in that they would be required to give up substantial employment benefits which would be lost in the event the mayor is not re-elected to a second or further term.

After I am elected, I will hire a full-time professional business administrator. A full-time mayor would have to do no less. A competent business administrator and department heads will handle municipal government on an informed and experienced level. No mayor can claim to be an expert on purchasing, personnel, business, police, or fire matters, and any mayor must delegate to department heads for professional advice and assistance. I dedicate substantial and sufficient time to the position in my part-time capacity and have been getting the job done well.

Therefore, Edison is not in need of a full-time mayor at an increased cost to the taxpayers when the job can be fulfilled in a part-time capacity.

The positive changes that I have exhibited in Edison in a relatively short period of time and on a part-time basis, are testimony to this fact.

Traffic

Q. Why is there no bike path in Roosevelt Park? It's a horrible park to ride through because the shoulders on its roads are extremely small or non-existent. And with the opening of Menlo Mall, the traffic through the park should only grow worse.

A. I am aware of the traffic problems Edison faces and in particular, those arising from our new Menlo Park and its effect upon Roosevelt Park. Roosevelt Park is a county park and its maintenance and up-keep lie within the jurisdiction of our county Park Department. This park has offered recreation, beauty, and enjoyment to Edison and its neighbors for many years, and should be preserved and modified to grow with our people's needs. The request for a bicycle path is approximately a \$100,000 project taking into consideration the needs of bridges, equipment, materials, and man-hours. The county would have to fund such a project. ... I consider this modification to be money well spent for the preservation and the continued enjoyment of one of the state's most beautiful parks. So long as the bicycle path is set back from the road so as not to seemingly widen the road, I think it would be a wonderful innovation to the community. The road through the park should not be widened to become "highways" threatening the use of the park and would only serve to increase traffic. I will be glad to make a request to the county Board of Freeholders to consider a bicycle path. ...

Education

Q. Will you abolish the present Board of Education and let the voters of Edison elect their own board and vote on the school budget?

A. I have no legal authority to abolish the present Board of Education. A resolution of the governing body or a petition signed by at least 15 percent of the legally qualified voters who voted in the last legislative election, may raise the question of a change from a Type 1 School District (appointed) to a Type 2 School District (elected). In either case the question must be submitted to the voters at the next municipal or general election as stated in Title 18A:9-4 and 5.

People these days might tend to be against an appointed Board of Education, yet, our current system mirrors our governmental structure of checks and balances. The Board of School Estimate is composed of three elected officials — two councilmen and the mayor — and two members of the Board of Education who are appointed by the mayor. The three elected officials are accountable to the voters and have majority control. The two appointed seats are filled by individuals from the community who need not run for elected office. Furthermore, an elected Board of Education would not necessarily ensure that the members would be more competent and dedicated. An elected board would bring politics into the school structure. This politicizing of the educational system may prevent the schools from providing a thorough and efficient education for our deserving children. To take a position for or against an elected board, without a thorough study would not be in the prudent interest of our taxpayers and children.

Under our present system many of the citizens who devote their time to the Board of Education would not want to get involved with the politics.

I will shortly appoint a committee of approximately 15 volunteers composed of Board of Education employees, members of the educational community, senior citizens, and other qualified taxpayers, which will be charged with the responsibility of evaluating Edison's current educational structure. They will evaluate every aspect including finances, budget, curriculum, programs and special education, so that Edison is prepared to move into the 21st century. The committee will evaluate, critique, and report back to the mayor in sufficient time for next year's budgetary considerations.

On a positive note our current school system is one in which all citizens of Edison should be proud. Edison's schools rank with the best in the state. This year's education budget was \$7 million under cap, and Edison still provides one of the highest percentages of graduates that continue on to higher education.

JAMES M. KUKOR

- Synchronize Parsonage Road traffic
- Give training in control of chemical spills
- Edison deserves a full-time mayor

Q. New traffic lights with arrows are in place at the Route 27 intersection of James Street and Parsonage Road. However, they are inoperable. Why? When will total road resurfacing in the Menlo Park area be done?

A. The traffic signals at the Route 27 intersection of James Street and Parsonage Road fall under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and not local control. Before a traffic signal is put into full operational status, a study of traffic patterns must be undertaken to "time" the light sequence to match traffic flow.

At present, the last of the traffic signalization along Parsonage Road at Menlo Park is being completed, and when it is ready to be placed in operation, a trial period will be instituted, adjustments [if any] made, and then full operational status achieved.

The total road resurfacing in the Menlo Park area has been completed, with the exception of the "flyover" access ramp. This phase of the project should be completed well before the Thanksgiving holidays. The delay was caused by a lawsuit which was dropped, but caused an approximately six- to eight-week delay.

Hazardous waste

Q. What will Edison do if the county decides to disband the hazardous-materials unit?

A. If the county decides to disband its Hazmat unit, the burden would then fall on the municipalities in the county to take up the slack. Since the county already has the Hazmat vehicles and equipment, and has space designed in the new Middlesex County Fire Training Academy to house this equipment, I would see to it that training is made available to all of our uniformed services — volunteer and paid — in the handling of hazardous-material spills. This would enable trained Edison Township personnel to utilize not only Edison Township vehicles and equipment suited for these tasks, but also to utilize the equipment abandoned by the county which would be on standby at the academy anyhow. This is an area where the "regionalization" of services could be put to good use.

Full-time mayor

Q. Do you think Edison Township would be better served with a full-time mayor? State reasons.

A. Edison Township, with its 30-plus square-mile area and 90,000 population, would not only be better served by a full-time mayor, but deserves one. Currently, the township pays its part-time mayor \$15,000. It also pays for an \$80,000 public-safety director, as well as \$25,000 to an executive secretary. Traditionally in Edison, the mayor has held the dual responsibility of township public-safety director. Eliminating and combining positions would save the township taxpayers money over the current system, and have someone in control full time, with total accountability to the citizens of Edison. In the past, unelected department heads have been allowed to run

the town, creating their own little empires and power bases. The result has been the imprisonment of at least three township officials, and the resignation or firing of at least 16 others, including an entire ethics board. My Democrat opponent stated on TKR that he "didn't have the time to take care of the problems in the Police Department, and that is why a public-safety director had to be hired." My opponent apparently knows very little about people management or basic labor-management techniques. This is evident in the chaos he has created in Town Hall amongst its employees as well as fat contract giveaways which have resulted to date in the filing of at least two unfair labor practices against him. I favored a full-time mayor when I ran in 1989, and the township has gotten worse since then. I think the answer is obvious.

Traffic

Q. Why is there no bike path in Roosevelt Park? It's a horrible park to ride through, because the shoulders on the roads are extremely small or non-existent. And, with the opening of Menlo Mall, the traffic through the park should only grow worse.

A. A bike path in Roosevelt Park falls under the jurisdiction of the county Parks Department and the county engineer. From my personal experience in the construction field as well as driving through the park on a daily basis, I'd say the cost to attempt to widen the roads through the park would be very expensive and require a significant amount of tree removal, drainage improvements, widening of at least one bridge, and the installation of lights for safety. If a bike path

were to be constructed, it would have to be laid out through "virgin" turf areas of the park which could easily be paved without interference of trees, streams, or other natural obstacles which currently exist in the park. Again, this does not fall under local control.

Education

Q. Will you abolish the present Board of Education, and let the voters elect their own board and vote on the school budget?

A. There are many pros and cons in this area. All of the residents and taxpayers of Edison are demanding accountability from government, including the educational side, which is the largest component of Edison tax bills. Appointed school boards have traditionally been rubber-stamp politically controlled mechanisms. There is no accountability, since these individuals are not elected. I prefer a modified process to the school-board system currently permitted. But this would require a change in state law. School board officials would be elected by the people, but the rise or fall of the school budget would not be tied to their election. The best way to answer this question is to put it on the ballot, and let the voters decide.

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WORLD today

Rebels cast doubts on Cambodia peace

PARIS — Foreign ministers converged on Paris yesterday for the signing of a peace treaty ending two decades of war in Cambodia. But worries persisted about the intentions of the Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

Cambodia, with 8 million citizens, has experienced constant conflict since Prince Norodom Sihanouk was toppled in 1970 and the Khmer Rouge tried to

restructure Cambodian society during a murderous reign from 1975-78.

Ukraine approves army, navy, air force

MOSCOW — The Ukrainian parliament yesterday authorized the creation of an army, navy, and air force with more than 400,000 men, bolstering the republic's move toward independence in defiance of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Soviet defense officials stridently oppose plans by

Ukraine and other republics to set up their own armed forces.

Split Liberians live in violence's shadow

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Indiscriminate killings, widespread looting, and the burning of villages have Liberians still living in fear nearly a year after a cease-fire officially ended the West African nation's civil war.

Civilians continue to be terrorized by the three warring factions that battled from December 1989 until the cease-fire was

signed on Nov. 28. The truce left the country divided in three.

Monk mass graves found in Mongolia

LONDON — A mass grave containing the remains of thousands of Buddhist monks who were killed by Communist rulers in the late 1930s has been discovered in Mongolia, the BBC reported yesterday.

The British Broadcasting Corp. said one of its documentary teams filmed the discovery of a grave that contained the remains

of about 5,000 people on the outskirts of Moron on the Soviet border.

The BBC's Brian Barron said aid each victim in the mass grave had been shot through the head.

Barron interviewed an 83-year-old man identified as the chief of dictator Marshal Choibalsan's extermination squad.

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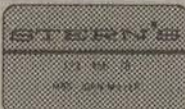
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